1	2	3	4
22.	Rajasthan	6.50	11.25
23.	Sikkim	—	2.00
24.	Tamil Nadu	7.50	22.50
25.	Tripura	—	2.00
26.	Uttar Pradesh	11.77	18.00
27.	Uttaranchal	3.00	3.75
28.	West Bengal	12.18	13.50
29.	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	—	—
30.	Chandigarh	—	—
31.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	—	—
32.	Delhi	3.59	3.00
33.	Daman & Diu	—	—
34.	Pondicherry	—	—
35.	Lakshadweep	—	—
36.	Silvasa	—	—
37.	Departmental Units of KVIC	—	—
	TOTAL:	134.34	174.75

Agro-based industries in NE Region

335. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is need of taking steps to promote agro-based industries in the rural areas of the country, more particularly in the North-East Region ridden with poverty;

(b) if so, the projects and schemes launched in the North-East region to provide employment to unemployed youth; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government has been implementing the Rural Employment Generation Programme (REGP), a credit-linked subsidy programme, through the Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC), throughout the country, including the NE Region, to assist eligible applicants in setting up labour-intensive industries in the rural areas and small towns with population up to 20,000 and thus generate additional

employment. Under this programme, entrepreneurs, including unemployed youth, can establish village industries, by availing of margin money assistance from the KVIC and loans from any public sector scheduled commercial bank, for projects with a maximum cost of Rs. 25 lakh.

Besides, the Ministry of Agro and Rural Industries has also been implementing the Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana (PMRY), in both rural and urban areas (with approximately fifty per cent of the units being in rural areas), for providing self-employment opportunities to educated unemployed youth. This too is a credit-linked subsidy scheme and is implemented through the District Industries Centres of the States and Union Territories, with the loans being provided by banks. Under the PMRY, projects costing upto Rs. 1 lakh for business sector and upto Rs. 2 lakh in other sectors are eligible for assistance, with the subsidy being limited to 15 per cent of the project cost, subject to a ceiling of Rs. 7,500/-. This ceiling is higher at Rs. 15,000/- per beneficiary, in the North Eastern (NE) region.

During the 10th Plan period (2002-03 to 2004-05), 1121 units have been set up in NE Region under the REGP. Similarly, 22536 units have been set up under the PMRY in the NE Region during the same period.

(c) In view of the reply at (b) above, the question does not arise.

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336. SHRI S.P.M. SYED KHAN: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to State:

(a) whether it is a fact that agro and rural industries in and around metro cities are nearly extinct due to lack of Government's support and of upcoming multinational companies;

(b) the details regarding production of agro and rural industries in the metro cities during the last three years;

(c) whether any special scheme is available with Government to boost the agro industry in the cities; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?